

Senior League Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday 20th February 2017

18:30 Sea Terminal meeting room

Present: Andy Coulson (AC), Greig Wright (GW), Peter Luft (PL), Dave Picken (DP), Richard Jackson (RJ), Carl Mellors (CM), Ollie Webster (OW), Chris Cunningham (CC), Mark Burrows (MB), Jaco Jansen (JJ), Malcom Guild (MG), Rob Webber (RW).

Apologies: Rob Weight

1. Senior Leagues

• Playing nights

It was agreed by all present that the Cain League fixtures will move to Wednesday evenings and Forrester League matches to Monday. GW reported that this will allow players playing in the under 15 league to also participate in senior league games.

Saturday games. RW advised that Ramsey would prefer to only 10 games but will accept the request of other clubs to play more matches at the weekend.

• Team entries

DP advised that Crosby may reduce the number of teams entered for 2017. GW agreed to forward a specimen schedule of fixtures and entry forms to committee members in the coming week. GW requested that the entry forms be returned asap after consultation amongst club members so that cup draws etc. can take place.

AP GW

• Cup draws

See above.

• Player eligibility - Senior committee/performance committee doc

PL reported that the minutes of the previous meetings had reported that committee members had requested that the Blincoe Cup should not be open to players who had played for the Island in the previous 2 year. The matter had been referred to the Executive committee and a response was sent out from the Performance committee reaffirming its position that open registration should continue for the benefit of the game on the Island. AC requested the views of members but all present were happy

with the open registration system. A vote to confirm the position of the committee members was taken and it was a unanimous vote to continue with the open registration policy.

- **Development team**

PL advised that the Schools XI had been discontinued but that it was the intention to enter a Development team for the Saturday Karran competition. GW explained that clubs would have first shout of their young players. He continued that the Development team will need help from clubs to supply good young players. The Association will run the team and GW felt that Mark Williams and Connor Smith (KWC teacher) will most likely be the main 'older' players. HE advised that CM and JJ had also expressed an interest in playing for the Development team. JJ queried whether the XI will feel like a team. GW responded that the players already train together in some degree and are aware that if they don't perform then they will be dropped from the team.

2. Facilities

- **Pitch renovations**

PL advised that Neal Radford would be on Island (scheduled) during the 2nd week of May to conduct pitch renovations for 6 pitches. The cost is approx. 1K GBP. GW advised that he has put in a bid to IOM Sport for assistance with the costs. GW continued that it is expected that the cost to each club will be 250.00 GBP if we receive the funding support.

GW reported that the IOMCA are trying to get a pitch maintenance equipment package (including a light roller) together which will be available to all clubs to use. GW advised that approx. 2 hour's maintenance per month per pitch will keep the matt wickets in decent order.

- **Practice facilities**

GW advised that Finch Hill are finalising the takeover of the nets at Ballafletcher. GW is meeting with Crosby to discuss future arrangement of the nets with them.

GW stressed that the practice facilities at all the clubs remain the club's responsibility.

3. Officials

- **Umpires**

MG reported that there continued to be a reduction in active officials on the Island – 12 in total. 1 umpire Paul Hatton had qualified and stood in a couple of games but decided umpiring was not for him. 10 officials are 50 years +old. MG continued that of 314 appointments, only 170 + 1 MCC game were filled successfully. There are no official scorers.

MG advised that Dave Kenworthy is running an introductory umpiring course for parents on March 26th. He is also running a ECB ACO Level 1 course on April 2nd and April 23rd (2day course). The IOMCA will fund attendees course fee 100%.

MG advised that officials will prioritise Senior Leagues matches.

GW requested that if anybody has any subjects that they would like to be added to the adhoc courses – please contact him.

MG also highlighted a general deterioration in the standard of behaviour last season and only apologies proffered after the game have prevented disciplinary proceedings. A card system of warnings may be introduced and MG stressed that Captains are responsible for the behaviour of players on the field.

PL queried whether 2 officials on the field would help umpires impose the letter of the law.

• **Play cricket - TCS/Cric HQ**

GW felt that Play-Cricket was successfully introduced last season but he asked members of the committee to encourage scorers to ALL results in quickly. GW expressed his thanks to everyone who helped to make it a success. We are 95% there – just need that extra push to make it truly excellent. There is an audience for the results – e.g. the weekend of the Saturday game Cronkbourne vs Peel St Johns, there were 11k views but there was no info on the website until the following Monday.

GW advised that another set of ipads will be distributed for the use of Junior teams.

4. Volunteers

PL expressed his thanks to all the volunteers who help with cricket on the Island but we do need more. If anybody has any ideas how to encourage more volunteers, please share or request ideas from the IOMCA. GW advised that up to 4 people can be nominated for awards through the ICC. He continued please try and get Mums and Dads involved. CM asked if there are any initiatives through the schools. GW advised that there is only the Junior Leader's environment. He is hopeful that DK's introductory umpiring course may supply a path for younger officials etc.

5. Touring Teams

GW reported that the following tours to the Island will take place this summer:

MCC 14th-16th June

Mersey Commonwealth 26th-29th June

A number of Junior teams will also tour. GW requested that if members know of any clubs who wish to tour, please get in touch with him.

6. Awards

PL advised that there had been no official Awards Dinner and requested the views of the Committee members as to future awards and presentations. Should there be a

small 'gettogether' to present awards at the end of the season or should Association awards be presented at Club functions? Should there be a review of all awards including no longer awarding awards? AC asked what do clubs want to do? The general consensus was that there is no appetite for an annual dinner. it was agreed that AC will email the clubs requesting options for the future of awards. GW stressed that the Senior League Committee would have to take responsibility for the maintenance of any award process.

MG queried if there were any legal implications attached to awards that have been bequeathed or donated.

AP AC to email clubs for opinion about the awards

7. AOB

CM advised that Cronkbourne will not be able to play on the grass wicket during 2017 due to the resignation of the existing groundsman, Dave Slack. The club hopes to relay the square at the end of 2017 and CM is happy for other clubs and youngsters to become involved and share knowledge. GW advised that it is hoped that a groundman's course can be undertaken later in the year and the Association may send OW to a club in the UK for a week in order to learn more techniques for pitch maintenance etc.

Meeting ended 19:50